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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: T. KOYAMA, et al.
Serial No.: 10/533,952
Filed: MAY 4, 2005
Title: GRANULAR COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME
Group AU: 1651
Examiner: Thane E. Underdahl
Confirm. No.: 9610

RESPONSE

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April 23, 2007

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2007, Applicants respectfully elect the Group I claims (that is, claims 1-12), which the Examiner has characterized as being drawn to a granular composition comprising a core material and a layer that covers the core material, wherein the core material is made of saccharides and the layer that covers the core material is made of a hardened oil and a bioactive ingredient. In order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, and while Applicants respectfully do not agree with contentions made by the Examiner in connection with the restriction requirement, Applicants are making their election without traverse.

Examination of the Group I claims (claims 1-12), on the merits, in due course, is respectfully requested.

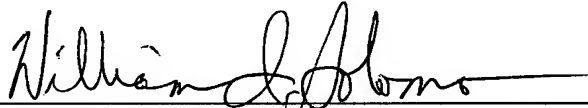
To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the

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filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 1349.45033X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

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